STATE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS IN THE FITTING AND DISPENSING OF HEARING INSTRUMENTS

COMPLAINTS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. Department of State Health Services, Room N-218 8407 Wall Street Austin, Texas 78724

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Introduction of Guests
- 3. Review and approve subcommittee report of the meeting held October 7, 2004.
- 4. Discussion and possible action to consider the following complaints, all pending and filed with the Attorney General's Office:

FD-04-035, FD-04-037, FD-04-038

5. Discussion and possible action to consider the following complaints

FD-04-045, FD-04-055, FD-04-060, FD-04-042, FD-05-004, FD-05-007, FD-05-009

- 6. Discussion and possible action regarding complaint cases pending with State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 7. Announcements and comments not requiring subcommittee action
- 8. Adjournment

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STATE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS IN THE FITTING AND DISPENSING OF HEARING INSTRUMENTS CONTINUING EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.
Department of State Health Services, Room N-218
8407 Wall Street
Austin, Texas 78724

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Introduction of Guests
- 3. Review and approve subcommittee report of the meeting held October 7, 2004.
- Public Comment.
- 5. Staff assignment of course approval codes to each approved CE course.
- Discussion and possible action to approve Texas Tech University Health Science Center, Department of Speech-Language and Hearing Sciences as a manufacturer or non manufacturer continuing education sponsor.
- 7. Discussion and possible action to approve Siemens Hearing Instruments, Inc. as a manufacturer or non manufacturer continuing education sponsor.
- 8. Discussion and possible action to approve Sonic Innovations as a manufacturer or non manufacturer continuing education sponsor.
- 9. Discussion and possible action to approve Oklahoma Hearing Aid Association as a manufacturer or non manufacturer continuing education sponsor.
- 10. Discussion and possible action to approve Widex Hearing Aid Company as a manufacturer or non manufacturer continuing education sponsor.
- 11. Discussion and possible action to approve Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services as a manufacturer or non manufacturer continuing education sponsor.
- 12. Verification of 2005 Specified Hours and information being communicated to licensees regarding same.
- 13. Discussion and possible action regarding mandating that each CE provider include the Committee specified courses in at least of their course offerings each year.
- 14. Announcements and comments not requiring subcommittee action.

15. Adjournment

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FITTING AND DISPENSING OF HEARING INSTRUMENTS EXAMINATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.
Department of State Health Services, Room N-218
8407 Wall Street
Austin, Texas 78724

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Introduction of Guests.
- 3. Review and approve subcommittee report of the meeting held October 8, 2004.
- 4. Public Comment.
- 5. Discussion and possible action on the use of dummy heads in the practical exam.
- 6. Discussion and possible action on staff progress regarding their project to bring the practical examination scoring in line with the 5 sections as defined in the action taken by the Committee on February 20, 2004. The practical examination is to be broken down into five separate sections that must be passed independently, namely, (1) puretone audiometry, (2) speech audiometry, (3) masking, (4) sound field audiometry and (5) ear impressions.
- 7. Discussion and possible action on the use of the International Licensing Examination that would be combined with a staff compiled section of written examination items relating to Texas laws, rules, and regulations.
- 8. Discussion and possible action concerning test question databank.
- 9. Discussion and possible action of whether to seek an informal opinion from the Attorney General on validation of practical examination.
- 10. Discussion and possible action regarding the practical examination scoring alignment as it relates to the five separate sections which must be passed individually.
- 11. Announcements and comments not requiring subcommittee action.
- 12. Adjournment

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RULES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. Department of State Health Services, Room N-218 8407 Wall Street Austin, Texas 78724

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Introduction of Guests
- 3. Review and approve the subcommittee report of the meeting October 8, 2004.
- 4. Public Comment.
- 5. Discussion and possible action regarding final adoption of proposed rules published in the Texas Register (29 TexReg 11252) on December 3, 2004.
- 6. Discussion and possible action to consider petition for adoption of amendments to 22 T.A.C., Chapter 141, submitted by Ray Jones.
- 7. Discussion and possible action regarding Texas Occupations Code §402.404 Surety Bonding.
- 8. Discussion and possible action regarding 22 TAC §141.16(e) Condition of Sale and Record Keeping.
- 9. Discussion and possible action regarding the topic of when is a sale of a hearing aid a sale.
- 10. Discussion and possible action regarding Committee Policies.
- 11. Discussion and possible action regarding supporting statement for hearing aid devices, professional and patient labeling and conditions for sale.
- 12. Announcements and comments not requiring subcommittee action.
- 13. Adjournment

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STATE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS IN THE FITTING AND DISPENSING OF HEARING INSTRUMENTS

APPLICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, February 18, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.
Department of State Health Services, Room N-218
8407 Wall Street
Austin, Texas 78724

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Introduction of Guests.
- 3. Review subcommittee report of meeting held October 7, 2004.
- 4. Public Comment.
- 5. Discussion and possible action on management of licensing lists.
- 6. Announcements and comments not requiring subcommittee action
- 7. Adjournment

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STATE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS IN THE FITTING AND DISPENSING OF HEARING INSTRUMENTS FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, February 18, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.
Department of State Health Services, Room N-218
8407 Wall Street
Austin, Texas 78724

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Introduction of Guests
- 3. Introduction of New Member
- 4. Review and Approval of Committee Report from meeting held October 8, 2004.
- 5. Public Comment.
- 6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Following Subcommittee Reports
 - I. Complaints
 - A. Discussion and possible action on the following complaints: FD-04-045, FD-04-055, FD-04-060, FD-04-035, FD-04-037, FD-04-038, FD-04-042, FD-05-004, FD-05-007, FD-05-009
 - II. Continuing Education
 - A. Discussion and possible action to approve Siemens Hearing Instruments, Inc., Texas Tech University Health Science Center, Department of Speech-Language and Hearing Sciences Sonic Innovations, Oklahoma Hearing Aid Association, Widex Hearing Aid Company, and Deaf and Heard of Hearing Services as a manufacturer or non manufacturer continuing education sponsors.
 - B. Discussion and possible action of staff assignment of course approval codes to each approved CE course.
 - C. Verification of 2005 Specified Hours and information being communicated to licensees regarding same.
 - D. Discussion and possible action regarding mandating that each CE provider include the Committee specified courses in at least one of their course offerings each year.
 - III. Examination
 - A. Discussion and possible action on the use of dummy heads in the practical exam.
 - B. Discussion and possible action on staff progress regarding their project to bring the practical examination scoring in line with the 5 sections as defined in the action taken by the Committee on February 20, 2004. The practical examination is to be broken down into five separate sections that must be passed independently, namely, (1) puretone audiometry, (2) speech audiometry, (3) masking, (4) sound field audiometry and (5) ear impressions.
 - C. Discussion and possible action on the use of the International Licensing Examination that would be combined with a staff compiled section of written examination items relating to Texas laws, rules, and regulations.
 - D. Discussion and possible action concerning test question databank.
 - E. Discussion and possible action of whether to seek an informal opinion from the Attorney General on validation of practical examination.

- F. Discussion and possible action regarding the practical examination scoring alignment as it relates to the five separate sections which must be passed individually.
- IV. Rules
 - A. Discussion and possible action regarding final adoption of proposed rules posted in the Texas Register (29 TexReg 11252) on December 3, 2004.
 - B. Discussion and possible action to consider petition for adoption of amendments to 22 T.A.C., Chapter 141, submitted by Ray Jones.
 - C. Discussion and possible action regarding Texas Occupations Code §402.404 Surety Bonding.
 - D. Discussion and possible action regarding 22 TAC §141.16(e) Condition of Sale and Record Keeping.
 - E. Discussion and possible action regarding the topic of when is a sale of a hearing aid a sale.
 - F. Discussion and possible action regarding Committee Policies.

V. Applications

- A. Discussion and possible action on management of licensing lists.
- 7. Update regarding committee web page.
- 8. Committee Chairman Report
- 9. Unit Manager and Executive Director Reports
- 10. Announcements and comments not requiring committee action.
- 11. Adjournment

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